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U.S. Patent No. 3,828,782, issued 08/13/1974 to Polin.

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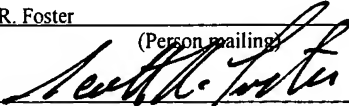
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